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A METHOD OF ALTERNATING THE STACKING DIRECTION OF OBJECTS
THAT ARE FLAT AND FLEXIBLE, MEANS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE
5 METHOD, AND AN INSTALLATION FOR MAKING UP BATCHES AND
FITTED WITH SUCH MEANS

The invention relates to a method of alternating the
stacking direction (3) of flat objects which are received
10 and disposed parallel to one another by a device (1) so
as to enable them to make up batches (2), said device (1)
comprising a plurality of compartments. The method is
characterized in that in order to make up sets of items
suitable for making up batches (2) of items (3) in which
15 at least two items (3) are placed head-to-tail, the
following operations are performed while the compartments
travel past the loading station (1C):

- an item (3) is extracted from a compartment (1A);
and
- 20 • the orientation of the extracted item (3) is
modified so that it can be placed head-to-tail relative
to its initial insertion direction (S1) in a determined
empty compartment; and
- at a determined reinsertion site, said reoriented
25 item (3) is inserted into an empty compartment.

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